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YOSHIYUKI NEZU, ET AL. : EXAMINER: PIPALA, EDWARD
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FOR: IN-VEHICLE APPARATUS AND :
METHOD OF PROVIDING CONTENTS

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 21, 2006, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the Group I, drawn to an in-vehicle map and video display apparatus, and list Claims 1-5, and 12 as readable thereon.

Applicants traverse the outstanding requirement as the outstanding requirement has not established that an undue burden would be required if the requirement was not issued and if all the claims were examined together. More particularly, MPEP §803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

In the present application no undue burden has been established if each of the claims were examined together.


Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Restriction Requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn,¹ and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-14 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ See MPEP 821.01.